

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

February 16-17, 1989

DON HINES

Chairman

Bossier City, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

February 16 & 17, 1989

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Thursday, February 16, 1989

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Norman McCall
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Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Friday, February 17, 1989

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Mrs. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 12-13, 1989 were unanimously approved at Thursday's meeting with a motion from Mr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Jones.

Winton Vidrine presented the law enforcement report for the month of January and explained each Region in detail. Mr. Vidrine stated that in the Minden area a total of 47 case were made; in the Monroe area, a total of 69 cases were made; in the Alexandria area, a total of 109 cases; Ferriday there was a total of 101 cases, Lake Charles, 162 cases; Opelousas, 315 cases; in the Baton Rouge area, 113 cases; and in the New Orleans area there were 454 cases.

Dr. Hines introduced former Commission member, George Gray.

Hugh Bateman presented waterfowl hunting season report with efforts to check duck hunters and measure hunting success during the past duck season. Most of the information comes from our wildlife management areas but some is from nearby private lands.

Tom Bourland, Chairman of the Deer Task Force presented the current status of the Deer Task Force. Six monthly meetings were planned, September through February. Meeting locations have alternated between Baton Rouge and Alexandria and were held in department office buildings in each case.

The Task Force has addressed all issues requested by the department and developed recommendations. The committee is of the opinion that it would be more appropriate for the department to receive public comments on these issues

through the regularly scheduled open hearings, as opposed to the task force sponsoring yet another meeting of its own. They point out that most recommendations are already completed, and related business matters have drawn to a close.

Mr. Bourland stated that the public hearing on March 2nd in Baton Rouge will accommodate public comments on the Deer Task Force report as well as hunting seasons and bag limits.

John Roussel gave a report on the status of the Finfish Task Force. Specific objectives have been outlined and the end result should be a comprehensive plan for managing marine finfish. A draft fisheries policy has been developed by the Task Force.

At the request of Dr. Hines Bettisie Baker presented a brief summary of the financial condition of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. In order to understand our financial constraints both revenue considerations and the budget process were outlined (attached to minutes). These things together illuminate the need for the actions that we have just taken which will help streamline our department and make us more cost effective.

Bob Misso talked about the budget as it related to the Office of Wildlife. He mentioned the establishment of a muzzle loader license, intensive deer program, alligator tags, special turkey license, waterfowl duck stamp, income tax check off for land acquisition, Rockefeller statutes, and user fees for wildlife management areas.

Mr. Daniel Edgar from New Iberia talked to the Commission concerning oyster poaching and proposed color marking system for oyster leases. Department staff will evaluate the proposal prior to the next meeting of the Commission.

At Friday's meeting Kell McInnis reported on the undercover operation that took place the day before in Alexandria. The investigation had been going on for a few months. Cases were made for selling game fish, migratory birds and squirrels.

Bettisie Baker reported on the proposed new license carrier and license stamps. The licenses will be pregummed stamps that will be held in one carrier which will fold and fit in a wallet. These stamps must be signed and affixed to the carrier to be valid. This will be a more efficient way to hold licenses and will save the Department approximately \$60,000. This system will be effective July 1st. The stamps will take the place of the combination licenses. Combination licenses and lifetime licenses were discussed.

Discussion of creating an alligator task force will be brought up at next month's meeting.

A meeting will be set up with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for the April meeting or the June meeting.

The April meeting was set for Thursday and Friday, April 6th and 7th in Baton Rouge at the Quail Drive office. A date for the June meeting was set for Thursday and Friday, June 1st and 2nd.

Mr. Danny Lazarus stated that the Louisiana Dog Hunters Association wanted to recommend stiffer penalties for violators and stricter enforcement. Mr. Lazarus stated that the few violators are ruining dog hunting for everybody.

Dr. Hines thanked the people of the Shreveport-Bossier City area for their hospitality.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. McCall and the meeting was adjourned.


Virginia Van Sickle

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is funded through an assortment of fees, royalty payments, and federal funds. Though the Department is currently totally self-funded, these funding sources are quite complex, and are often dependant on events and circumstances that are outside of the Department's controls. Also, several of these major revenue streams/funds are usable only for specific purposes, which dramatically restricts the Department's flexibility in using these various revenue streams. In addition to the complexities of the sources of revenue to the Department, the ability to spend these funds is limited by the expenditures outlined in the budget. Thus, understanding the budget process, in conjunction with understanding funding streams are integral to understanding the complete financial picture of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The budget process is separated into two segments - revenue estimation (by category or source) and expenditure projections - categorized not only by division but also by major type of cost. Typically, a benchmark revenue level is established based on the prior year's appropriation. This estimate is "fine tuned" in the budget process as new, relevant and different information becomes available.

The largest single category of expense in the department is salary cost. Last year it constituted 57.4% of the total expenditure. Considering the size and proportion of this expense item, good salary projections are critical to the integrity of the annual budget. Salary projections are based on known people, employed in particular positions, with allowances made for merit increases and attrition as well as for filling those vacant positions that have been targeted for filling. The other single largest expense item is Insurance cost. Insurance cost is provided to us from the Office of Risk Management, it is based on actual claims experience and performance in the prior year with provisions for increased cost as calculated actuarially. This cost constitutes 5.5% of our expenses.

Budgets are split first into the three operating units that constitute the Department - Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildlife, and Office of Fisheries. Budget allocations once set can not be transferred between offices, thus if the Office of Secretary had "surplus" salary dollars these could not be transferred to the Office of Wildlife and vice versa. This prohibition affects not only expenditure categories, but also determines the flow of source funds to divisions. Once revenues or means of financing have been set and allocated to Offices and Division they typically can not be altered in without an act of concurrence on the part of the Legislative Budget Committee.

Once the department's total budget has been broken out to Office it is further subdivided into divisions. Each division is responsible for the preparation of its budget with oversight from the Office of Management and Finance in conjunction with that division's administrator. However, it should be clearly understood that the relative allocation of resources between and among the divisions is done through a process of exploration and priority-setting by the Secretary in concert with other upper level management personnel. Based on the allocations of funds made available each division sets its priorities and establishes programs based on the funding available.

The determination of the total means of financing is obviously a critical element in the entire budget process. Table I presents a schedule of revenue to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from all funding sources for the fiscal years starting in 1983-84 through 1987-88.

All sources of revenue are presented by Fund Account. This is an important feature to notice because funds are not "fungible" assets, i.e. though dollars are dollars, conservation dollars may or may not be swapped out for Rockefeller dollars or Federal dollars. The budget and various deeds of donation have established restrictions on how monies can be allocated as a means of financing to divisions and whether they can be swapped out or not.

Table II presents a tabulation of all Sources of Revenue (i.e. means of financing) to the Department in 1987-88 categorized by type of Revenue to each fund, and it also shows the uses of these funds by division.

Table I dramatically presents the story of what has happened to the Department's financial stability and self sufficiency. In 1983-84 the Department had \$47.3 million dollars to fund operations, by 1986-87 this had dwindled to only \$32.3 million - a swing of \$15 million. In 1987-88, with the full force of license increases in place, revenue had begun to increase slightly to \$34.5 million.

In 1983-84, the department had \$23.4 million in royalty income, or 50 percent of its total income, while license fees constituted \$8 million, or 16.8 percent of total revenue. By 1987-88 these percentages had shifted dramatically with royalty income totalling \$8.2 million, or 23.7 percent of the departments revenue, while license sales totalling \$14.9 million, constituted 43.1 percent of revenue.

The shift in revenue source is caused by two factors. First the dramatic increase in oil and gas prices in the late '70's and early '80's boosted the Department's income, similarly, when the bottom fell out of world markets and prices fell, so did our revenue and our financial stability. Secondly, the significant increase in license revenue is a direct result of the increase in license fee rates that the department supported and brought before the legislature and passed.

Table II, takes the revenue information from 1987-88 and presents it by category and is matched with where those dollars were spent in each division or operating area. (Total dollars in and dollars out do not match because total dollars in includes all dollars, while expenditure only show operating expenses and do not show any monies expended on capital project items.)

Table III, presents a summary of all expenditures for 1987-88 for each of our operating units (i.e. offices) by category of expense (salary, travel, etc.) The bottom schedule presents the comparable budget that was appropriated in 1988-89. Looking at Table III, it is easy to see that 57.4 percent of this department's resources have been devoted to salaries while acquisition and repairs have constituted only 7.98 percent of our revenue.

Table IV, V, and VI present the back-up information for each office by operating division. A brief evaluation of where our resources are going is possible at the gross level in this schedule.

Looking forward to 1989-90, the existing sources of revenue do not reveal much hope for broadening, and in fact the contribution to revenue made from shell dredging is at best questionable, and at worst non-existent. However, in spite of this gloomy retrospective, the future holds significant promise for increased revenue to the department from civil penalties for wildlife values, potential revenue from better oversight of sand and fill material operators, increased severance taxes on all seafood among others. In addition, there is a possibility of general fund money coming to the department to assist in the continuity of programs and to provide for special needs. Thus, the long term picture is not terribly bleak, but each of these changes requires legislation.

All of the above problems have culminated in the layoff, but it is not a problem in a vacuum, other factors have come to bear on our financial stability.

The first is the fact that we must fund operations from our own cash revenue sources. In spite of the fact that the Department receives an appropriation from the Legislature, we do not receive any support from them, they just allow us to spend our funds at the approved level. Thus, we are totally dependent upon receipts from royalties, rentals and license sales. Since these revenue streams occur unevenly across the year, we are constrained to spend somewhat in line with our cash inflows. This first situation made starting this fiscal year quite difficult, since we did carry forward certain debts that had not been paid in the prior year, for instance the extra paycheck, new purchases of furniture for the building, vehicles, payback of land acquisition debt, etc.

Our approved budget of \$39.3 million would have been adequate to support a full staff of 854 approved personnel, but the problem the department faced (still faces) is living within our means when the actual revenue projection is only \$33.5 million. In addition to a realistic revenue projection of \$33.5 million, certain debts must be paid and this has left the department with an estimate of \$32.6 million in operating funds available.

In order to bring operations to a supportable level from a cash flow perspective the department allocated conservation funds to each division based on the projected conservation fund inflow as a percent of the total budget request. This way the divisions shared cuts based on each's relative off-take of conservation fund dollars which were the funds in

question. This allocation was deemed to be the most fair way of allocating the shortfall, since many divisions boosted spending allowances through federal funds and other means of financing, and should therefore not be penalized based on these other funding sources.

Based on the above allocation method, divisions estimated the required personnel and operating reductions to bring required expenditures into line with the given allocation. The reductions are shown in Table VII.

In addition to cash flow problems, the current administration (i.e. Governor and Division of Administration) established a mandatory reduction in manpower that was borne equally by all state agencies. This reduction was imposed through the budget process by reducing the dollars allocated to the salary category. This reduction in manpower was to be accomplished through an aggressive attrition program (i.e. retirements, not filling positions when individuals leave, etc.). In spite of meeting our aggressive attrition targets established in head counts, we were not able to meet the salary requirement (Budget) guidelines.

Considering this second factor, the layoff was in some senses inevitable due to both the cash flow problems and the short fall in the budgeted category for salaries.

Table VII presents the total departments' expected revenue, net of debt that is to be paid, and Table VIII presents, by division, the reduction in operating budgets based on the anticipated reduction in departmental revenue. Column I shows last year's actual expenditure; Column II shows 1988-89 Budget; Column III shows revised spendable budget; Column IV shows reduction in spending (Column II - Column III); and Column V shows spendable budget versus 1987-88 actual expenditures.

Table IX outlines how the manpower reductions were allocated across operating divisions.

All told the Department is faced with continuing serious financial uncertainty, which has made our current layoff action the necessary and prudent thing to do to manage our operations as efficiently and effectively as possible.

TABLE I
REVENUE COMPARISON SCHEDULE

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
<u>Conservation</u>					
Royalties	\$10,425,953	\$8,590,418	\$6,366,422	\$4,807,971	\$4,740,349
Rentals on Land	530,551	539,480	614,348	654,171	649,825
Other Income on Land	8,192	147,086	113,671	107,307	103,581
Interest Income			77,705	33,914	51,488
Severance Taxes	2,781,235	3,343,213	2,309,599	2,394,052	2,330,153
License Sales	7,953,980	9,652,846	8,677,326	11,359,798	14,881,767
Miscellaneous	370,748	449,004	514,873	1,051,999	591,124
	21,570,659	22,722,047	18,673,944	20,409,212	23,348,287
<u>Rockefeller Refuge</u>					
Royalties	12,767,480	9,568,368	7,177,992	3,418,144	3,275,154
Rentals on Land	77,281	340,294	94,578	56,211	745
Other Income on Land	2,398,641	1,654,234	574,040	23,122	1,112,865
Interest Income	1,184,181	539,171	379,163	126,284	18,286
Miscellaneous	23,178	51,468	35,787	22,451	95,169
	<16,450,761>	12,153,535	8,261,560	3,646,212	4,502,219
<u>Marsh Island Refuge</u>					
Royalties	247,698	262,057	161,758	313,032	154,872
Interest Income	2,002,695	561,675	347,304	300,396	316,342
Rentals on Land	27,783	167,015	53,419	12,048	
Other Income on Land	186,554	8,232	126,977	70,617	25,690
Miscellaneous	59,617	144,627	35,110	197,659	107,449
	2,524,347	1,143,606	724,568	893,752	604,353
Federal	6,317,095	4,599,893	4,836,106	6,155,279	5,125,059
Other	395,578	337,861	1,261,847	1,195,191	954,240
Total	\$47,258,440	\$40,956,942	\$33,758,025	\$32,299,646	\$34,534,158

* These figures present the total revenue that is available to meet operating expenditures as well as capital outlay project funding requirements.

TABLE II

ES OF FUNDS	1987-1988 ACTUAL	CONSERVATION	ROCKEFELLER	RSMI	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	% OF CONSERVATION	% OF ROCKEFELLER	% OF RSMI	% OF FEDERAL	% OF OTHER
ALTIES	\$4,740,349	\$3,275,154	\$154,872				\$8,170,375	23.66%					
TALS ON LAND	\$649,825	\$745					\$650,570	1.88%					
ER LAND INCOME	\$103,581	\$1,112,865	\$25,690				\$1,242,136	3.60%					
EREST INCOME	\$51,488	\$18,286	\$316,342				\$386,116	1.12%					
ERANCE TAXES	\$2,330,153						\$2,330,153	6.75%					
ENSE SALES	\$14,881,767						\$14,881,767	43.09%					
CELLANEOUS	\$591,124	\$95,169	\$107,449				\$793,742	2.30%					
AL					\$5,125,059		\$5,125,059	14.84%					
TOTAL	\$23,348,287	\$4,502,219	\$604,353	\$5,125,059	\$954,240	\$954,240	\$34,534,158	2.76%					
IF FUNDS													
OF SECRETARY													
STRATION	\$969,246	\$93,789			\$50,000		\$969,246	2.81%	4.15%			0.98%	
NEL	\$2,427,758						\$2,571,547	7.45%	10.40%	2.08%			
VCS	\$154,558						\$154,558	0.45%	0.66%				
ER	\$396,252						\$396,252	1.15%	1.70%				
	\$857,748				\$23,250		\$880,998	2.55%	3.67%			6.45%	
ENMT	\$998,424	\$224,211			\$497,309		\$1,709,944	4.95%	4.23%	4.98%		9.70%	
ICATIONS	\$7,219,091				\$385,885		\$7,604,976	22.02%	30.92%			7.53%	
OPROMG	\$287,412						\$287,412	0.83%	1.23%				
	\$9,801						\$309,801	0.90%	0.04%				31.44%
OF WILDLIFE													
TRATION	\$40,865	\$40,865					\$81,730	0.24%	0.18%	0.91%			
	\$2,227,594				\$2,220,014		\$4,457,518	12.91%	9.54%			43.32%	1.05%
REFUGE	\$1,472,234	\$2,345,548	\$530,000		\$10,470		\$4,512,812	13.07%	6.31%	52.10%	87.70%	0.20%	16.20%
T	\$283,891				\$78,277		\$362,168	1.05%	1.22%			1.53%	
OF FISHERIES													
STRATION	\$103,936				\$973,361		\$1,077,306	3.12%	0.45%			18.99%	
	\$2,226,919				\$686,493		\$2,913,412	8.44%	9.54%			17.30%	31.01%
IN	\$3,158,212						\$3,158,212	9.15%	13.53%				
	\$235,006						\$235,006	0.68%	0.92%				

TABLE III

907-80 actual data

OFFICE OF THE:			
SECRETARY	WILDLIFE	FISHERIES	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$5,108,982	\$4,685,654	\$18,461,328
TRAVEL	\$126,758	\$61,317	\$301,240
OPERATING SERVICES	\$3,969,635	\$962,389	\$5,825,599
SUPPLIES	\$932,150	\$752,283	\$2,794,155
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$75,801	\$580	\$76,986
OTHER PURCHASES	\$468,078	\$744,612	\$1,974,130
AT		\$127,965	\$164,820
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$651,530	\$525,073	\$2,566,567
TOTAL	\$14,690,724	\$7,059,073	\$32,164,825
			100.00%

BUDGET 1980-1989

SECRETARY				WILDLIFE	FISHERIES	TOTAL
SALARIES	\$9,235,445	\$5,003,166	\$4,901,954	\$19,139,665	48.68%	
TRAVEL	\$186,029	\$130,241	\$74,800	\$391,070	0.99%	
OPERATING SERVICES	\$3,407,316	\$775,961	\$603,637	\$4,786,914	12.16%	
SUPPLIES	\$1,203,243	\$1,310,164	\$1,599,334	\$4,112,741	10.46%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$167,722	\$125,950	\$7,100	\$300,772	0.76%	
OTHER PURCHASES	\$1,226,347	\$1,423,842	\$1,825,583	\$4,475,772	11.38%	
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$94,808	\$343,220	\$13,174	\$471,202	1.20%	
TOTAL	\$1,291,929	\$2,383,422	\$1,763,449	\$5,638,800	14.34%	
TOTAL	\$16,012,839	\$11,515,766	\$10,988,131	\$39,316,936	100.00%	

TABLE IV

1987-88 actual data

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

	ADMIN	FISCAL	PERSONL.	BLDG/SVCS	COMPUTER	TOT. ADMIN INFO & EDUC. ENFORCEMENT	COMMUN.	SFD PRGMO	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	603670	901502	133680	75248	457053	2171153	619858	5561491	8666692
TRAVEL	8393	8117	0	10	3434	19954	36353	34958	126758
OPERATING SERVICES	34142	1591213	12912	185043	314048	2137358	762879	932799	3969635
SUPPLIES	13728	24237	801	28818	10747	78331	143627	685202	932150
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	200	0	50	100	350	17086	620	75881
OTHER PURCHASES	275065	3006	7165	15407	19730	320373	9787	126667	468078
IAT									
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	40237	43272	0	91676	75886	251071	120355	263239	651530
TOTAL	975235	2571547	154558	396252	880998	4978590	1709945	7604976	14890724

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

	ADMIN	FISCAL	PERSONL.	BLDG/SVCS	COMPUTER	TOT. ADMIN INFO & EDUC. ENFORCEMENT	COMMUN.	SFD PRGMO	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	725516	910076	182301	103200	424930	2346023	714924	5884142	9235445
TRAVEL	14000	6350	150	0	5150	25650	68693	48936	186029
OPERATING SERVICES	235525	1287521	16913	253346	258032	2051337	120481	1160249	3407316
SUPPLIES	10743	26194	950	46039	20500	104426	126740	943680	1203243
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	100	0	25	0	125	19998	400	167722
OTHER PURCHASES	424744	189933	0	28018	189128	831823	258593	74091	1226347
IAT	54908	0	0	0	0	54908	40000	0	94808
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	2000	41810	0	10000	20000	73810	164224	1030615	1291929
TOTAL	1467336	2461984	200314	440628	913740	5488002	1513653	9142113	16812839

TABLE V

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ACTUAL 1987-1988

	GAME	F & R	HABITAT	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$3,005,079	\$1,921,286	\$117,551	\$65,066	\$5,108,982 54.27%
RAVEL	\$66,291	\$38,876	\$1,079	\$6,919	\$113,165 1.20%
PERATING SERVICES	\$440,146	\$443,222	\$5,623	\$4,584	\$893,575 9.49%
UPPLIES	\$489,179	\$613,758	\$4,624	\$2,161	\$1,109,722 11.79%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$425	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$525 0.01%
OTHER CHARGES	\$81,643	\$446,496	\$230,301	\$3,000	\$761,440 8.09%
AT	\$0	\$33,865	\$2,990	\$0	\$36,855 0.39%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$374,755	\$1,015,209	\$0	\$0	\$1,389,964 14.76%
TOTAL	\$4,457,518	\$4,512,812	\$362,168	\$81,730	\$9,414,228

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

BUDGET 1988-1989

	GAME	F & R	HABITAT	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,989,428	\$1,879,645	\$110,776	\$23,317	\$5,003,166 43.45%
RAVEL	\$73,386	\$47,405	\$3,500	\$5,950	\$130,241 1.13%
PERATING SERVICES	\$281,177	\$484,017	\$4,649	\$6,118	\$775,961 6.74%
UPPLIES	\$521,569	\$779,663	\$5,110	\$3,822	\$1,310,164 11.38%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$71,325	\$34,625	\$0	\$0	\$125,950 1.09%
OTHER CHARGES	\$136,000	\$786,500	\$324,562	\$176,780	\$1,423,842 12.36%
AT	\$0	\$329,300	\$4,000	\$29,920	\$363,220 3.15%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$1,020,661	\$1,361,261	\$1,500	\$0	\$2,383,422 20.70%
TOTAL	\$5,113,546	\$5,702,416	\$454,097	\$245,907	\$11,515,966

TABLE VI

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

ACTUAL 1987-1988

	FRESHWTR	MARINE	AVIATION	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,247,391	\$2,294,469	\$54,065	\$89,729	\$4,685,654 59.61%
TRAVEL	\$32,984	\$24,054	\$902	\$3,377	\$61,317 0.78%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$319,030	\$513,530	\$123,152	\$6,677	\$962,389 12.24%
SUPPLIES	\$340,966	\$373,643	\$36,011	\$1,663	\$752,283 9.57%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$300	\$175	\$105	\$0	\$580 0.01%
OTHER CHARGES	\$66,704	\$674,648	\$770	\$2,490	\$744,612 9.47%
AT	\$0	\$127,965	\$0	\$0	\$127,965 1.63%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$192,905	\$332,168	\$0	\$0	\$525,073 6.68%
TOTAL	\$3,200,280	\$4,340,652	\$215,005	\$103,936	\$7,859,873

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

BUDGET 1988-1989

	FRESHWTR	MARINE	AVIATION	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,302,835	\$2,453,662	\$55,732	\$88,825	\$4,901,054 44.60%
TRAVEL	\$41,200	\$27,250	\$2,350	\$4,000	\$74,800 0.68%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$261,094	\$259,952	\$78,953	\$3,638	\$603,637 5.49%
SUPPLIES	\$1,116,172	\$436,088	\$45,000	\$2,074	\$1,599,334 14.56%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,000	\$800	\$300	\$0	\$7,100 0.06%
OTHER CHARGES	\$110,222	\$1,671,261	\$0	\$44,100	\$1,825,583 16.61%
AT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,174	\$13,174 0.12%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$940,533	\$1,012,016	\$9,000	\$1,900	\$1,963,449 17.87%
TOTAL	\$4,770,056	\$5,661,029	\$191,335	\$157,711	\$10,988,131

TABLE VII

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
PRESENTATION OF CURRENT REVENUE ESTIMATE VERSUS BUDGET APPROPRIATION 1988-89
(\$000's)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>MEANS OF FINANCING</u>			
Conservation Fund	\$25,500	\$21,200	(\$4,300)
Rockefeller	5,000	4,200	(800)
Rockefeller Trust	600	600	-
Federal Funds	6,400	6,000	(-400)
Russell Sage	500	500	-
Other	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(-100)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$39,300</u>	<u>\$33,400</u>	<u>(\$5,600)</u>
 <u>PRIOR COMMITMENTS</u>			
Russell Sage Payback		250	
Land Payback		700	
Spring Bayou		100	
 NET AVAILABLE \$M TO DEPARTMENT		 <u>\$32,650 M</u>	

TABLE VIII
DIVISIONAL ALLOCATION AND IMPACT OF REVENUE SHORTFALL
(\$000'S)

	Column I 1987-88 Actual Expenditure	Column II 1988-89 Budget	Column III 1988-89 Allocated Budget	Column IV Reduction from Approved Budget	Column V Comparison 1987-88 Actual
<u>Office of Secretary</u>					
Management/Finance/Admin	4,979	5,488	5,055	(433)	76
Info & Education	1,710	1,513	1,100	(413)	(610)
Enforcement & Comm.	7,893	9,360	6,783	(2,577)	(1,110)
Seafood Promotion	<u>304</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142</u>
TOTAL	14,891	16,812	13,389	(3,423)	(1,502)
<u>Office of Wildlife</u>					
Administrative	82	245	63	(182)	(19)
Game	4,457	5,113	4,689	(424)	232
Fur and Refuge	4,513	5,702	4,607	(1,095)	94
Natural Heritage	<u>362</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>(54)</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL	9,414	11,514	9,759	(1,755)	345
<u>Office of Fisheries</u>					
Administrative	103	158	76	(82)	(27)
Aviation	215	191	142	(49)	(73)
Marine	4,341	5,861	5,267	(594)	926
Freshwater	<u>3,200</u>	<u>4,778</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>(761)</u>	<u>817</u>
TOTAL	7,859	10,988	9,502	(1,486)	1,643
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	32,164	39,314	32,650	(6,664)	486

TABLE IX

Department-Wide Layoff 15%

	(% layoff)
Enforcement -	15.6%
Game -	18.11
Fur & Refuge -	16.7
Seafood -	20.7
Fish -	9.5

Law Enforcement Layoffs (Filled currently)

North La (Region 1-4) = 21 people

South La (Region 5-8) = 17 people

Law Enforcement Positions Lost (Includes Vacancies)

North La (Region 1-4) = 21 positions

South La (Region 5-8) = 34 positions

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State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

December 5, 1988

MEMORANDUM

To: Virginia Van Sickle, Bob Misso, A. Kell McInnis, Corky Perret,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commissioners

From: Bettsie Baker *Bettsie*
Undersecretary

At the request of Don Hines I have prepared a brief summary of the financial condition of Wildlife and Fisheries.

In order to understand our financial constraints both revenue considerations and the budget process have been briefly outlined. These things together illuminate the need for the actions that we have just taken which will help streamline our department and make us more cost effective.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at 765-2860.

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The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is funded through an assortment of fees, royalty payments, and federal funds. Though the Department is currently totally self-funded, these funding sources are quite complex, and are often dependant on events and circumstances that are outside of the Department's controls. Also, several of these major revenue streams/funds are usable only for specific purposes, which dramatically restricts the Department's flexibility in using these various revenue streams. In addition to the complexities of the sources of revenue to the Department, the ability to spend these funds is limited by the expenditures outlined in the budget. Thus, understanding the budget process, in conjunction with understanding funding streams are integral to understanding the complete financial picture of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The budget process is separated into two segments - revenue estimation (by category or source) and expenditure projections - categorized not only by division but also by major type of cost. Typically, a benchmark revenue level is established based on the prior year's appropriation. This estimate is "fine tuned" in the budget process as new, relevant and different information becomes available.

The largest single category of expense in the department is salary cost. Last year it constituted 57.4% of the total expenditure. Considering the size and proportion of this expense item, good salary projections are critical to the integrity of the annual budget. Salary projections are based on known people, employed in particular positions, with allowances made for merit increases and attrition as well as for filling those vacant positions that have been targeted for filling. The other single largest expense item is Insurance cost. Insurance cost is provided to us from the Office of Risk Management, it is based on actual claims experience and performance in the prior year with provisions for increased cost as calculated actuarially. This cost constitutes 5.5% of our expenses.

Budgets are split first into the three operating units that constitute the Department - Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildlife, and Office of Fisheries. Budget allocations once set can not be transferred between offices, thus if the Office of Secretary had "surplus" salary dollars these could not be transferred to the Office of Wildlife and vice versa. This prohibition affects not only expenditure categories, but also determines the flow of source funds to divisions. Once revenues or means of financing have been set and allocated to Offices and Division they typically can not be altered in without an act of concurrence on the part of the Legislative Budget Committee.

Once the department's total budget has been broken out to Office it is further subdivided into divisions. Each division is responsible for the preparation of its budget with oversight from the Office of Management and Finance in conjunction with that division's administrator. However, it should be clearly understood that the relative allocation of resources between and among the divisions is done through a process of exploration and priority-setting by the Secretary in concert with other upper level management personnel. Based on the allocations of funds made available each division sets its priorities and establishes programs based on the funding available.

The determination of the total means of financing is obviously a critical element in the entire budget process. Table I presents a schedule of revenue to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from all funding sources for the fiscal years starting in 1983-84 through 1987-88.

All sources of revenue are presented by Fund Account. This is an important feature to notice because funds are not "fungible" assets, i.e. though dollars are dollars, conservation dollars may or may not be swapped out for Rockefeller dollars or Federal dollars. The budget and various deeds of donation have established restrictions on how monies can be allocated as a means of financing to divisions and whether they can be swapped out or not.

Table II presents a tabulation of all Sources of Revenue (i.e. means of financing) to the Department in 1987-88 categorized by type of Revenue to each fund, and it also shows the uses of these funds by division.

Table I dramatically presents the story of what has happened to the Department's financial stability and self sufficiency. In 1983-84 the Department had \$47.3 million dollars to fund operations, by 1986-87 this had dwindled to only \$32.3 million - a swing of \$15 million. In 1987-88, with the full force of license increases in place, revenue had begun to increase slightly to \$34.5 million.

In 1983-84, the department had \$23.4 million in royalty income, or 50 percent of its total income, while license fees constituted \$8 million, or 16.8 percent of total revenue. By 1987-88 these percentages had shifted dramatically with royalty income totalling \$8.2 million, or 23.7 percent of the departments revenue, while license sales totalling \$14.9 million, constituted 43.1 percent of revenue.

The shift in revenue source is caused by two factors. First the dramatic increase in oil and gas prices in the late '70's and early '80's boosted the Department's income, similarly, when the bottom fell out of world markets and prices fell, so did our revenue and our financial stability. Secondly, the significant increase in license revenue is a direct result of the increase in license fee rates that the department supported and brought before the legislature and passed.

Table II, takes the revenue information from 1987-88 and presents it by category and is matched with where those dollars were spent in each division or operating area. (Total dollars in and dollars out do not match because total dollars in includes all dollars, while expenditure only show operating expenses and do not show any monies expended on capital project items.)

Table III, presents a summary of all expenditures for 1987-88 for each of our operating units (i.e. offices) by category of expense (salary, travel, etc.) The bottom schedule presents the comparable budget that was appropriated in 1988-89. Looking at Table III, it is easy to see that 57.4 percent of this department's resources have been devoted to salaries while acquisition and repairs have constituted only 7.98 percent of our revenue.

Table IV, V, and VI present the back-up information for each office by operating division. A brief evaluation of where our resources are going is possible at the gross level in this schedule.

Looking forward to 1989-90, the existing sources of revenue do not reveal much hope for broadening, and in fact the contribution to revenue made from shell dredging is at best questionable, and at worst non-existent. However, in spite of this gloomy retrospective, the future holds significant promise for increased revenue to the department from civil penalties for wildlife values, potential revenue from better oversight of sand and fill material operators, increased severance taxes on all seafood among others. In addition, there is a possibility of general fund money coming to the department to assist in the continuity of programs and to provide for special needs. Thus, the long term picture is not terribly bleak, but each of these changes requires legislation.

All of the above problems have culminated in the layoff, but it is not a problem in a vacuum, other factors have come to bear on our financial stability.

The first is the fact that we must fund operations from our own cash revenue sources. In spite of the fact that the Department receives an appropriation from the Legislature, we do not receive any support from them, they just allow us to spend our funds at the approved level. Thus, we are totally dependent upon receipts from royalties, rentals and license sales. Since these revenue streams occur unevenly across the year, we are constrained to spend somewhat in line with our cash inflows. This first situation made starting this fiscal year quite difficult, since we did carry forward certain debts that had not been paid in the prior year, for instance the extra paycheck, new purchases of furniture for the building, vehicles, payback of land acquisition debt, etc.

Our approved budget of \$39.3 million would have been adequate to support a full staff of 854 approved personnel, but the problem the department faced (still faces) is living within our means when the actual revenue projection is only \$33.5 million. In addition to a realistic revenue projection of \$33.5 million, certain debts must be paid and this has left the department with an estimate of \$32.6 million in operating funds available.

In order to bring operations to a supportable level from a cash flow perspective the department allocated conservation funds to each division based on the projected conservation fund inflow as a percent of the total budget request. This way the divisions shared cuts based on each's relative off-take of conservation fund dollars which were the funds in

question. This allocation was deemed to be the most fair way of allocating the shortfall, since many divisions boosted spending allowances through federal funds and other means of financing, and should therefore not be penalized based on these other funding sources.

Based on the above allocation method, divisions estimated the required personnel and operating reductions to bring required expenditures into line with the given allocation. The reductions are shown in Table VII.

In addition to cash flow problems, the current administration (i.e. Governor and Division of Administration) established a mandatory reduction in manpower that was borne equally by all state agencies. This reduction was imposed through the budget process by reducing the dollars allocated to the salary category. This reduction in manpower was to be accomplished through an aggressive attrition program (i.e. retirements, not filling positions when individuals leave, etc.). In spite of meeting our aggressive attrition targets established in head counts, we were not able to meet the salary requirement (Budget) guidelines.

Considering this second factor, the layoff was in some senses inevitable due to both the cash flow problems and the short fall in the budgeted category for salaries.

Table VII presents the total departments' expected revenue, net of debt that is to be paid, and Table VIII presents, by division, the reduction in operating budgets based on the anticipated reduction in departmental revenue. Column I shows last year's actual expenditure; Column II shows 1988-89 Budget; Column III shows revised spendable budget; Column IV shows reduction in spending (Column II - Column III); and Column V shows spendable budget versus 1987-88 actual expenditures.

Table IX outlines how the manpower reductions were allocated across operating divisions.

All told the Department is faced with continuing serious financial uncertainty, which has made our current layoff action the necessary and prudent thing to do to manage our operations as efficiently and effectively as possible.

TABLE I
REVENUE COMPARISON SCHEDULE

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
<u>Conservation</u>					
Royalties	\$10,425,953	\$8,590,418	\$6,366,422	\$4,807,971	\$4,740,349
Rentals on Land	530,551	539,480	614,348	654,171	649,825
Other Income on Land	8,192	147,086	113,671	107,307	103,581
Interest Income			77,705	33,914	51,488
Severance Taxes	2,781,235	3,343,213	2,309,599	2,394,052	2,330,153
License Sales	7,953,980	9,652,846	8,677,326	11,359,798	14,881,767
Miscellaneous	370,748	449,004	514,873	1,051,999	591,124
	21,570,659	22,722,047	18,673,944	20,409,212	23,348,287
<u>Rockefeller Refuge</u>					
Royalties	12,767,480	9,568,368	7,177,992	3,418,144	3,275,154
Rentals on Land	77,281	340,294	94,578	56,211	745
Other Income on Land	2,398,641	1,654,234	574,040	23,122	1,112,865
Interest Income	1,184,181	539,171	379,163	126,284	18,286
Miscellaneous	23,178	51,468	35,787	22,451	95,169
	<16,450,761>	12,153,535	8,261,560	3,646,212	4,502,219
<u>Marsh Island Refuge</u>					
Royalties	247,698	262,057	161,758	313,032	154,872
Interest Income	2,002,695	561,675	347,304	300,396	316,342
Rentals on Land	27,783	167,015	53,419	12,048	
Other Income on Land	186,554	8,232	126,977	70,617	25,690
Miscellaneous	59,617	144,627	35,110	197,659	107,449
	2,524,347	1,143,606	724,568	893,752	604,353
Federal	6,317,095	4,599,893	4,836,106	6,155,279	5,125,059
Other	395,578	337,861	1,261,847	1,195,191	954,240
Total	\$47,258,440	\$40,956,942	\$33,758,025	\$32,299,646	\$34,534,158

* These figures present the total revenue that is available to meet operating expenditures as well as capital outlay project funding requirements.

TABLE II

SOURCES OF FUNDS	1987-1988 ACTUAL				TOTAL	% OF TOTAL	% OF				% OF FEDERAL	% OF RSMT	% OF ROCKEFELLER	% OF OTHER
	CONSERVATION	ROCKEFELLER	RSMT	FEDERAL			OF TOTAL	OF CONSERVATION	OF ROCKEFELLER	OF RSMT				
ROYALTIES	\$4,740,349	\$3,275,154	\$154,872		\$8,170,375	23.66%								
RENTALS ON LAND	\$649,825	\$745			\$650,570	1.88%								
OTHER LAND INCOME	\$103,581	\$1,112,865	\$25,690		\$1,242,136	3.60%								
INTEREST INCOME	\$51,488	\$18,286	\$316,342		\$386,116	1.12%								
EVERANCE TAXES	\$2,330,153				\$2,330,153	6.75%								
LICENSE SALES	\$14,881,767				\$14,881,767	43.09%								
SPLELLANEOUS	\$591,124	\$95,169	\$107,449		\$793,742	2.30%								
ER				\$5,125,059	\$5,125,059	14.84%								
ND TOTAL	\$23,348,287	\$4,502,219	\$604,353	\$5,125,059	\$34,534,158	2.76%								
S OF FUNDS														
ICE OF SECRETARY														
INISTRATION	\$969,246				\$969,246	2.81%		4.15%						
AL	\$2,427,758	\$93,789		\$50,000	\$2,571,547	7.45%		10.40%	2.08%		0.98%			
ONNEL	\$154,558				\$154,558	0.45%		0.66%						
S/SVCS	\$396,252				\$396,252	1.15%		1.70%						
UTER	\$857,748			\$23,250	\$880,998	2.55%		3.67%			0.45%			
E	\$998,424	\$224,211		\$497,309	\$1,709,944	4.95%		4.23%	4.98%		9.70%			
RCENMT	\$7,219,091			\$385,885	\$7,604,976	22.02%		30.92%			7.53%			
UNIKATIONS	\$287,412				\$287,412	0.83%		1.23%						
OOD PRONG	\$9,801				\$9,801	0.03%		0.04%						31.44%
ICE OF WILDLIFE														
ISTRATION	\$40,865				\$40,865	0.24%		0.18%	0.91%					
	\$2,227,504			\$2,220,014	\$4,457,518	12.91%		9.54%			43.32%			1.05%
AND REFUGE	\$1,472,234	\$2,345,548	\$530,000	\$10,470	\$4,512,812	13.07%		6.31%	52.10%	87.70%	0.20%			16.20%
-AT	\$283,891			\$78,277	\$362,168	1.05%		1.22%			1.53%			
DE OF FISHERIES														
ISTRATION	\$103,936				\$103,936	0.30%		0.45%						
IND	\$2,226,919			\$973,361	\$3,200,280	9.27%		9.54%			18.99%			
NE	\$3,158,212			\$686,493	\$4,340,652	12.57%		13.53%			17.30%			31.01%
ITION	\$2:5,006				\$2:5,006	0.62%		0.92%						

TABLE III

1987-88 actual data

	OFFICE OF THE:			TOTAL % OF TOTAL
	SECRETARY	WILDLIFE	FISHERIES	
SALARIES	\$8,666,692	\$5,108,982	\$4,685,654	\$18,461,328
TRAVEL	\$126,758	\$113,165	\$61,317	\$301,240
OPERATING SERVICES	\$3,969,635	\$893,575	\$962,389	\$5,825,599
SUPPLIES	\$932,150	\$1,109,722	\$752,283	\$2,794,155
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$75,801	\$525	\$580	\$76,986
OTHER PURCHASES	\$468,078	\$761,440	\$744,612	\$1,974,130
IAI		\$36,855	\$127,765	\$164,820
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$651,530	\$1,389,964	\$525,073	\$2,566,567
TOTAL	\$14,690,724	\$9,414,228	\$7,859,973	\$32,164,825

100.00%

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	OFFICE OF THE:			TOTAL
	SECRETARY	WILDLIFE	FISHERIES	
SALARIES	\$9,235,445	\$5,003,166	\$4,901,054	\$19,139,665
TRAVEL	\$186,029	\$130,241	\$74,800	\$391,070
OPERATING SERVICES	\$3,407,316	\$775,961	\$603,637	\$4,786,914
SUPPLIES	\$1,203,243	\$1,310,164	\$1,599,334	\$4,112,741
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$167,722	\$125,950	\$7,100	\$300,772
OTHER PURCHASES	\$1,226,347	\$1,423,842	\$1,825,583	\$4,475,772
IAI	\$94,808	\$363,220	\$13,174	\$471,202
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$1,291,929	\$2,383,422	\$1,963,449	\$5,638,800
TOTAL	\$16,812,839	\$11,515,966	\$10,988,131	\$39,316,936

100.00%

1987-88 actual data

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY		ADMIN	FISCAL	PERSNL.	BLDG/SVCS	COMPUTER	TOT. ADMIN INFO & EDUC. ENFORCEMENT	COMMUN.	SFD PRGND	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	603670	901502		133680	75248	457053	217153	230143	84047	58.20%
TRAVEL	8393	8117	0	0	10	3434	19954	4531	30962	0.85%
OPERATING SERVICES	34142	1591213		12912	185043	314048	2137358	31076	105523	26.66%
SUPPLIES	13728	24237		801	28818	10747	78331	9705	15285	6.26%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	200		0	50	100	350	0	57825	0.51%
OTHER PURCHASES	275065	3806		7165	15407	19730	320373	148	11103	3.14%
TAT										0.00%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	40237	43272	0	0	91676	75886	251071	11809	5056	4.38%
TOTAL	975235	2571547	154558	396252	880998	4978590	1709945	287412	309801	14890724

BUDGET 1988-1989		OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY					COMPUTER	TOT. ADMIN INFO & EDUC. ENFORCEMENT	COMMUN.	SFD PROMO	TOTAL % OF TOTAL	
ADMIN	FISCAL	PERSONL.	RLDG/SVCS									
SALARIES	725516	910076	182301	103200	424930	2346023	714924	5884142	148278	142078	9235445	54.93%
TRAVEL	14000	6350	150	0	5150	25650	68693	48936	2750	40000	186029	1.11%
OPERATING SERVICES	235525	1287521	16913	253346	258032	2051337	120481	1160249	29178	46071	3407316	20.27%
SUPPLIES	10743	26194	950	46039	20500	104426	126740	943680	14760	13637	1203243	7.16%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	100	0	25	0	125	19998	400	50	147149	167722	1.00%
OTHER PURCHASES	424744	189933	0	28018	189128	831823	258593	74091	0	61840	1226347	7.29%
EAT	54808	0	0	0	0	54808	40000	0	0	0	94808	0.56%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	2000	41810	0	10000	20000	73810	164224	1030615	23280	0	1291929	7.68%
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TOTAL	1467336	2461984	200314	440628	917740	5488002	1513653	9142113	218296	450775	16812839	

TABLE V

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ACTUAL 1987-1988

	GAME	F & R	HABITAT	ADMIN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$3,005,079	\$1,921,286	\$117,551	\$65,066	\$5,108,982	54.27%
TRAVEL	\$66,291	\$38,876	\$1,079	\$6,919	\$113,165	1.20%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$440,146	\$443,222	\$5,623	\$4,584	\$893,575	9.49%
SUPPLIES	\$489,179	\$613,758	\$4,624	\$2,161	\$1,109,722	11.79%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$425	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$525	0.01%
OTHER CHARGES	\$81,643	\$446,496	\$230,301	\$3,000	\$761,440	8.09%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$33,865	\$2,990	\$0	\$36,855	0.39%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$374,755	\$1,015,209	\$0	\$0	\$1,389,964	14.76%
TOTAL	\$4,457,518	\$4,512,812	\$362,168	\$81,730	\$9,414,228	

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	GAME	F & R	HABITAT	ADMIN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,989,428	\$1,879,645	\$110,776	\$23,317	\$5,003,166	43.45%
TRAVEL	\$73,306	\$47,405	\$3,500	\$5,950	\$130,241	1.13%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$281,177	\$404,017	\$4,649	\$6,118	\$775,961	6.74%
SUPPLIES	\$521,569	\$779,663	\$5,110	\$3,822	\$1,310,164	11.38%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$71,325	\$34,625	\$0	\$0	\$125,950	1.09%
OTHER CHARGES	\$136,000	\$786,500	\$324,562	\$176,780	\$1,423,842	12.36%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$329,300	\$4,000	\$29,920	\$363,220	3.15%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$1,020,661	\$1,361,261	\$1,500	\$0	\$2,383,422	20.70%
TOTAL	\$5,113,546	\$5,702,416	\$454,097	\$245,907	\$11,515,966	

TABLE VI

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

ACTUAL 1987-1988

	FRESHWTR	MARINE	AVIATION	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,247,391	\$2,294,469	\$54,065	\$89,729	\$4,685,654 59.61%
TRAVEL	\$32,984	\$24,054	\$902	\$3,377	\$61,317 0.78%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$319,030	\$513,530	\$123,152	\$6,677	\$962,389 12.24%
SUPPLIES	\$340,966	\$373,643	\$36,011	\$1,663	\$752,283 9.57%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$300	\$175	\$105	\$0	\$580 0.01%
OTHER CHARGES	\$66,704	\$674,648	\$770	\$2,490	\$744,612 9.47%
IAT	\$0	\$127,965	\$0	\$0	\$127,965 1.63%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$192,905	\$332,168	\$0	\$0	\$525,073 6.68%
TOTAL	\$3,200,280	\$4,340,652	\$215,005	\$103,936	\$7,859,873

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	FRESHWTR	MARINE	AVIATION	ADMIN	TOTAL % OF TOTAL
SALARIES	\$2,302,835	\$2,453,662	\$55,732	\$88,825	\$4,901,054 44.60%
TRAVEL	\$41,200	\$27,250	\$2,350	\$4,000	\$74,800 0.68%
OPERATING SERVICES	\$261,094	\$259,952	\$78,953	\$3,638	\$603,637 5.49%
SUPPLIES	\$1,116,172	\$436,088	\$45,000	\$2,074	\$1,599,334 14.56%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,000	\$800	\$300	\$0	\$7,100 0.06%
OTHER CHARGES	\$110,222	\$1,671,261	\$0	\$44,100	\$1,825,583 16.61%
IAT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,174	\$13,174 0.12%
ACQUISITIONS/REPAIRS	\$940,533	\$1,012,016	\$9,000	\$1,900	\$1,963,449 17.87%
TOTAL	\$4,770,056	\$5,861,029	\$191,335	\$157,711	\$10,988,131

TABLE VII

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
PRESENTATION OF CURRENT REVENUE ESTIMATE VERSUS BUDGET APPROPRIATION 1988-89
(\$000's)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>MEANS OF FINANCING</u>			
Conservation Fund	\$25,500	\$21,200	(\$4,300)
Rockefeller	5,000	4,200	(800)
Rockefeller Trust	600	600	-
Federal Funds	6,400	6,000	(-400)
Russell Sage	500	500	-
Other	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(-100)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$39,300</u>	<u>\$33,400</u>	<u>(\$5,600)</u>

PRIOR COMMITMENTS

Russell Sage Payback	250
Land Payback	700
Spring Bayou	100

NET AVAILABLE \$M TO DEPARTMENT	<u>\$32,650 M</u>
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TABLE VIII
DIVISIONAL ALLOCATION AND IMPACT OF REVENUE SHORTFALL
(\$000'S)

	Column I 1987-88 Actual Expenditure	Column II 1988-89 Budget	Column III 1988-89 Allocated Budget	Column IV Reduction from Approved Budget	Column V Comparison 1987-88 Actual
<u>Office of Secretary</u>					
Management/Finance/Admin	4,979	5,488	5,055	(433)	76
Info & Education	1,710	1,513	1,100	(413)	(610)
Enforcement & Comm.	7,893	9,360	6,783	(2,577)	(1,110)
Seafood Promotion	<u>304</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142</u>
TOTAL	14,891	16,812	13,389	(3,423)	(1,502)
<u>Office of Wildlife</u>					
Administrative	82	245	63	(182)	(19)
Game	4,457	5,113	4,689	(424)	232
Fur and Refuge	4,513	5,702	4,607	(1,095)	94
Natural Heritage	<u>362</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>(54)</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL	9,414	11,514	9,759	(1,755)	345
<u>Office of Fisheries</u>					
Administrative	103	158	76	(82)	(27)
Aviation	215	191	142	(49)	(73)
Marine	4,341	5,861	5,267	(594)	926
Freshwater	<u>3,200</u>	<u>4,778</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>(761)</u>	<u>817</u>
TOTAL	7,859	10,988	9,502	(1,486)	1,643
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	32,164	39,314	32,650	(6,664)	486

TABLE IX

Department-Wide Layoff 15%

	(% layoff)
Enforcement -	15.6%
Game -	18.11
Fur & Refuge -	16.7
Seafood -	20.7
Fish -	9.5

Law Enforcement Layoffs (Filled currently)

North La (Region 1-4) = 21 people

South La (Region 5-8) = 17 people

Law Enforcement Positions Lost (Includes Vacancies)

North La (Region 1-4) = 21 positions

South La (Region 5-8) = 34 positions

MARINE FISH PANEL + TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

- MARINE FISH ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED JOINTLY BY TWO GROUPS - MARINE FISH PANEL + MARINE FISH TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
- PANEL PROVIDES MECHANISM TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM GENERAL PUBLIC + GOV'T ENTITIES INVOLVED IN M FISH MGMT
- MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES - REG. - INTERESTS - CON. - INTERESTS
 - QUARTERBOAT INDUSTRY - LA FISH ASSOC.
 - HOUSE + SENATE NAT RES. COMM. - COMMISSION
- TECHNICAL W.G. PROVIDES MECHANISM TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP ~~INCLUDES~~ OPEN TO ALL STATE + UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST

CURRENTLY 24 UNIV. SCIENTISTS 10 STATE BIOLOGISTS
APPROXIMATELY 7 LA UNIVERSITIES

- SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN OUTLINED FOR BOTH GROUPS + WHEN ALL ^{STATED} OBJECTIVES ARE COMPLETED THE END PRODUCT SHOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR MANAGING ~~THE~~ MARINE FISH
- PANEL HAS HELD 3 - MEETINGS (MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH) AND HAS COMPLETED ITS INITIAL OBJECTIVE WHICH WAS TO DEVELOP A PRIORITY SPECIES LISTING FOR COASTAL FISH
- PRIORITY LIST WILL PROVIDE AN ORDER FOR ADDRESSING THE IDENTIFIED SPECIES
- HAVE BEGUN WORK ON TWO OBJECTIVES WHICH IS TO DEVELOP A STATEMENT OF POLICY AND STANDARDS WITHIN WHICH PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED
 - POLICY + STANDARDS SHOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH MGMT DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AND HOPEFULLY THIS WILL RESULT SOME CONSISTENCY IN FUTURE MGMT DECISIONS AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID SOME OF THE INCONSISTENCY WHICH HAS BEEN PERCEIVED IN THE PAST.
 - PANEL HAS SECURED + REVIEWED STANDARDS AND POLICIES WHICH EXIST IN OTHER EAST, GULF + WEST COAST STATES. AND ALSO THE POLICY + STANDARDS WHICH ARE IN FEDERAL LAW FOR MANAGING FEDERAL WATERS

- Panel Has Begun Work on a ~~DRAFT~~
Policy For Louisiana But I Expect This
Process To Take Quite A Bit Of Time

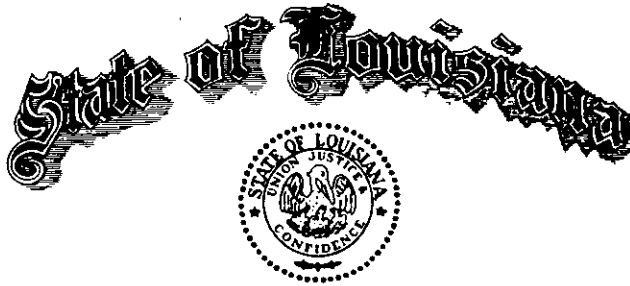
- Technical Working Group Has Held Two Meetings
And Have Organized Into 10 Subcommittees Corresponding
To The Top Species In The Priority List -
~~Developed~~ By The Panel + Stock Assessment
Subcommittees

- An Outline For A Species Synopsis Has
Been Developed And, Each Subcommittee
Has Appointed A Chairman And The Subcommittees
Are Independently Identifying Past + Ongoing
Research On Their Respective Species They
Are Also Identifying Existing Data Bases
Which May Exist - Predominately Work
In LA But Are Incorporating Info From
Throughout The Gulf + S. Atlantic

- Once The Existing Data Bases Have Been
Identified The Stock Assessment Subcommittees
Will Begin Conducting Assessments Species
By Species And The TWG Will Develop
Biologically Based Management Objectives For
Each Species.

- TWG Documents Will Be Presented To
The Panel + We Will Attempt To
Merge Their Input And Ultimately
Produce A Document Which Will Contain
Specific Recommendations Regarding Regulations
i.e. ~~Size~~ Size Limits, Bag Limits, Gear
Restrictions On The Commercial Fishery, Seasons
Or Whatever Is Appropriate For Inshore
Fisheries

Should be looked at as an ongoing process
- The entire process will take some time +
But this orderly approach should produce
results which are what's best for
the state



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February 3, 1989

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Bob Misso, Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife

FROM: Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Game Division *HAB*

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Effort and Harvest Report, 1988-89 Duck Season

The attached reflect Game Division efforts to check duck hunters and measure hunting success during the past duck season. Most of the information comes from our WMA's but some is from nearby private lands. All in all, our personnel did a good job on our WMA's and on the private lands as well.

With your approval I would like to mail this information to the Commission members prior to the February 16th meeting in Bossier City and give a brief report to the board at that time. I have an agenda item on waterfowl hunting seasons. My presentation of this information may cause some confusion among Commission members and concern for the Enforcement Division due to previous waterfowl reports given by Winton. I do not care to do that but the information should be presented and the efforts of my personnel recognized.

If you want me to discuss this with Col. Vidrine and Kell McInnis prior to sending it to the Commission, I'll be happy to do so. Perhaps our figures can be combined in some way with those of Enforcement so everyone we can see who is doing what, where? Refuge Division may wish to have their waterfowl bag check information included as well?

HAB:sd

1988/89 Waterfowl Season
Law Enforcement Report
Game Division Personnel

DISTRICT	NO. HUNTERS	NO. VIOLATIONS (%)	TYPE OF VIOLATION
<u>DISTRICT I</u>			
Bodcau	96	5 (5%)	3 Illegal Hours 1 Lead Shot 1 Unplugged Gun
Private Lands			
Corney Lake	$\frac{6}{102}$	$\frac{0}{5 (5\%)}$	
<u>DISTRICT II</u>			
Georgia Pacific	11	0	
Ouachita	104	0	
Russell Sage	193	6 (3%)	6 Illegal Hours
Private Lands			
Richland Parish	$\frac{22}{330}$	$\frac{2 (9\%)}{8 (2\%)}$	2 Over Limit
<u>DISTRICT III</u>			
Catahoula Lake	68	3 (5%)	1 Over Limit 1 No License 1 Protected Species
Private Lands			
Avoeyelles Parish	$\frac{12}{80}$	$\frac{0}{3 (4\%)}$	
<u>DISTRICT IV</u>			
Boeuf	236	7 (3%)	3 No Duck Stamp 2 Lead Shot 2 Unplugged Gun
Big Lake	13	0	
Red River/Three Rivers	69	0	

Also provided manpower on Saline WMA with results included in District IV report.

DISTRICT	NO. HUNTERS	NO. VIOLATIONS (%)	TYPE OF VIOLATION
<u>DISTRICT IV Cont'd.</u>			
Saline	169	21 (12%)	14 Illegal Hours 6 Lead Shot 1 Unplugged Gun
Catahoula Lake	<u>125</u> 612	<u>3 (2%)</u> 31 (5%)	1 Lead Shot 2 Illegal Hours

DISTRICT V

Waterfowl hunting opportunity low on MMA's (West Bay and Sabine Island) in this district. Personnel sent to 3 MMA's in District VI to help with waterfowl checks. Enforcement limited to cooperative road block effort by USFWS, LDMF Enforcement Division and Game Division (3 persons). A total of 305 hunters were checked, 27 citations (9%) issued and 154 waterfowl confiscated.

<u>DISTRICT VI</u>			
Attakapas	56	26 (46%)	17 Illegal Hours 5 Over Limit 1 Wanton Waste 2 No License 1 Unsigned Stamp
Grassy Lake	160	5 (3%)	2 No Duck Stamp 2 No License 1 Lead Shot 2 Over Limit 1 unplugged Gun 5 Illegal Hours
Pomme de Terre	111	8 (7%)	
Sherburne	16	0	
Spring Bayou	235	4 (2%)	2 No Duck Stamp 2 Illegal Hours 2 Illegal Hours
Thistlethwaite	78	2 (2%)	
Private Lands	<u>13</u>	<u>8 (62%)</u>	3 Over Limit 3 Lead Shot
Avoeyelles Parish	<u>669</u>	<u>53 (8%)</u>	2 No Duck Stamp

DISTRICT	NO. HUNTERS	NO. VIOLATIONS (%)	TYPE OF VIOLATION
<u>DISTRICT VII</u>			
Joyce	34	0	
Pearl River	195	3 (2%)	2 Illegal Hours 1 Lead Shot
Manchac	234	21 (9%)	16 Illegal Hours 2 Lead Shot 1 Wanton Waste 1 Protected Species 1 No Duck Stamp
Private Lands			
Washington Parish	<u>13</u> 476	<u>11 (85%)</u> 35 (7%)	2 Over Limit 7 Illegal Hours 2 No Duck Stamp
<u>DISTRICT VIII</u>			
Private Lands	67	1	1 No License
GRAND TOTAL*	2,336	136 (5.8%)	76 Illegal Hours (56%) 17 Lead Shot (13%) 15 Over Limit (11%) 12 No Duck Stamp (9%) 6 No License (4%) 5 Unplugged Gun (4%) 5 Miscellaneous (4%)

* District V joint effort not included.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
WATERFOWL HUNTER BAG CHECKS
1988-89

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	Total Kill	Total Hunter Efforts	Average Success Rate Ducks/Hunter	Top 2 Ducks In Bag
<u>DISTRICT II</u>				
Georgia Pacific	13	11	1.2	Wood Duck
Quachita	73	104	0.7	GWT, Mallard
Russell Sage	270	193	1.4	Mallard, Wood Duck
	356	308	1.1	
<u>DISTRICT III</u>				
Catahoula Lake	104	61	1.7	Mallards, GWT
<u>DISTRICT IV</u>				
Catahoula Lake	236	125	1.9	Mallards, Ring-necked
Saline	143	139	1.0	Wood Duck, Mallard
R. River/Three Rivers	137	53	2.6	Mallard, GWT
Boeuf	269	174	1.5	GWT, Mallard
	785	491	1.6	
<u>DISTRICT VI</u>				
Atakapas	14	17	.8	Mallard, GWT
Grassy Lake	102	86	1.2	Mallard, GWT
Pomme de Terre	57	33	1.7	Mallard, GWT
Sherburne	2	15	.1	Wood Duck
Spring Bayou	210	151	1.4	Mallard, GWT
Thistlethwaite	15	23	.6	Wood Duck
	400	325	1.2	
<u>DISTRICT VII</u>				
Pearl River	192	199	1.0	GWT, Gadwall
Manhac	295	233	1.3	GWT, Scaup
	487	432	1.1	
Atchafalaya Delta	395	185	2.1	Mallard, GWT
GRAND TOTAL	2,527	1,802	1.4	



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Buddy Roemer
GOVERNOR

January 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Helm, Waterfowl Study Leader
FROM: David Moreland, Dist. VII Supervisor
SUBJECT: 1988/89 Waterfowl Harvest

Information obtained from bag checks on PRWMA and Manchac WMA relative to the harvest of waterfowl for the past two seasons is as follows:

	<u>87/88*</u>	<u>88/89</u>
# Hunters	405	199
# Ducks Killed	540	192

*Includes Sept. Teal Season

Forty-five percent fewer ducks were harvested during the Big Duck Season in 88/89 than in 87/88. The woodduck harvest is a good reflection of this harvest reduction. In 87/88 personnel checked a total of 72 woodducks, whereas in 88/89 only 24 woodducks were checked. On opening weekend of 87/88 70 hunters averaged almost 3 ducks per hunter compared to 80 hunters averaging 1 duck per hunter on opening weekend of 88/89.

	<u>87/88*</u>	<u>88/89</u>
# Hunters	254	233
# Ducks Killed	404	295

*Includes September Teal Season

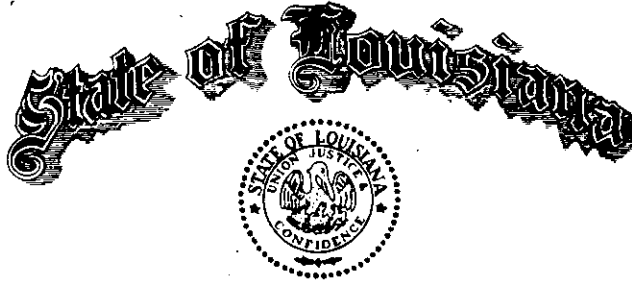
Since hunters on Manchac were allowed to hunt the full 30 days of the duck season the harvest does not appear to be as down as PRWMA where hunters could hunt only 18 of the 30 days below Highway 90.

The sun-rise shooting time, less hunting days and lower bag limits seems to have done its job!

David Moreland
Dist. VII Supervisor

cc: Hugh Bateman
Dist. VII Personnel

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January 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Bob Misso, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife

FROM: Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator *HAB*
Game Division

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT OF THE DEER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

The attached memorandum outlines in detail the current status of The Deer Management Task Force.

Of the total six monthly meetings planned, five have been held, September through January. Meeting locations have alternated between Baton Rouge and Alexandria and were held in department office buildings in each case.

The Task Force has addressed all issues requested by the department and developed recommendations. The committee is of the opinion that it would be more appropriate for the department to receive public comments on these issues through the regularly scheduled open hearings, as opposed to The Task Force sponsoring yet another meeting of its own. They point out that most recommendations are already completed, and related business matters have drawn to a close.

The last Task Force meeting will be in our Tioga office on February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Final discussions regarding their report to the department will occur at that time. We hope agreement can be reached then so that copies of the Task Force report can be available by the February 16 public hearing in Bossier City. The committee chairman can announce in Bossier City that the 2nd public hearing in Baton Rouge on March 2nd will accommodate public comments on the Deer Task Force report as well as hunting seasons and bag limits.

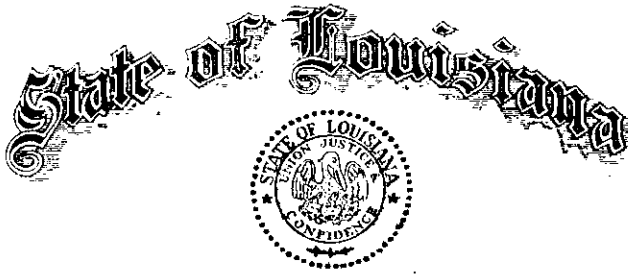
This should be communicated to the committee members and our staff prior to the February 16 meeting in Bossier City.

HAB:sb

cc: Larry Soileau
Jerry Farrar

Attachment

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



Virginia Van Sickle
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hugh Bateman, Chief, Game Division

FROM: J. W. Farrar, Deer Study Leader

DATE: January 6, 1989

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON DEER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

The Deer Management Task Force has held four meetings of the total six that are planned. Two were held at Baton Rouge, September 14 and November 16, and two were held at Alexandria, October 13 and December 7 (1988). In each case office buildings of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries were the meeting locations.

Meetings began at 7:00 p.m. in Baton Rouge and 6 p.m. or shortly thereafter in Alexandria, and at each meeting the proceedings lasted a minimum of two hours. Interest is high, and attendance has been unusually good with absenteeism per meeting averaging only 2.5 board members of the total 13 selected; most missed only one meeting. General public attendance was highest at the first meeting when 30 minutes were allowed for the public to address the board and again at the December 7 meeting, when dog related issues were discussed. In each case 35 to 40 people were present. The others attracted less than half this attendance.

The Task Force has currently addressed all issues requested by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and developed subsequent recommendations; please refer to the attached item titled LOUISIANA DEER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, PRELIMINARY AND PARTIAL SUMMARY.

Other issues have also been taken under consideration, subsequent to the advice of Assistant Secretary Bob Misso at the September 14 meeting, that no department requested issue could be deleted but other concerns of deer management could be added.

These additional issues are Deer Management Information, Wildlife Management Areas and Animal Damage Control. The latter two have not yet been addressed. These will be issues for consideration at the upcoming meeting at 7 p.m. January 19, 1989, at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building in Baton Rouge.

The February meeting, time and location to be determined, is now planned for unresolved business matters with summation and clarification of recommendations to be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This is in lieu of an earlier proposed open hearing to be held by the Task Force at this final meeting.

The board members themselves are organizational representatives, selected by their peers, to represent the varied deer management interests within the state. In addition, the Task Force has conscientiously reviewed public recommendations made directly through the numerous letters, phone calls, etc., as well as those made to individual board members.

These factors have, in fact, facilitated the Task Force recommendations presented here and to be finalized in an official report to the department by March 1, 1989. The Task Force, therefore, feels it is a moot gesture to sponsor an open hearing after the recommendations have already been completed at an earlier date, with related business matters of the Task Force drawn to a close.

The department will receive the Task Force recommendations for implementation or rejection, completely or in part, as governed to a large extent by public support. A department sponsored open hearing, where a meaningful impact may be derived from public comments and viewpoints, is therefore in order.

Since this agency has traditionally sponsored a minimum of three such hearings within the state annually and has already tentatively, and conveniently in this case, scheduled one for mid-February, it seems highly appropriate that opportunity for further public comments on the Task Force issues be integrated with one or more of these open hearings on seasons and bag limits. These issues are expected to be the major topics of interest at the hearings anyway.

Letters, petitions, etc., received by the Task Force will be compiled and presented to the department for inclusion into the traditional file maintained for public recommendations on hunting seasons, regulations and general management.


Jerry W. Farrar

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Enclosures

LOUISIANA DEER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Preliminary and Partial Summary

Issue: Number of Areas, Timing, Type and Length of Deer Seasons

1. The Task Force generally agrees with the number of areas and their configuration. There are two exceptions.
2. The Area 2 Island in East Feliciana Parish represents a precedent that should be avoided and it should therefore be discontinued.
3. Herd declines may warrant changes in area configuration. The Task Force recommends an investigation into the occurrence and causes of deer herd declines in West Central Louisiana and that the area boundaries and season structure be changed if justified.
4. The Task Force supports the Department's goal of synchronizing (as practical) opening days between areas.
5. The Task Force supports the archery season framework but further recommends that bow restrictions be expanded to prohibit electronic sights and that peak draw weight reductions not exceed 65%.
6. The Task Force supports a return to the original statute pertaining to eligibility requirements for physically impaired crossbow users.
7. The Task Force recommends adoption of special still-hunt muzzleloader seasons falling between gun season splits and requiring the issuance of a special license.

Issue: Bag Limit

8. The Task Force does not recommend adoption of a tagging system at this time.
9. The Task Force recommends an elimination of the six deer season limit in favor of a deer per day.
10. The Task Force is concerned that harvest pressure is strongly biased against bucks, particularly the yearling age class. Since neither a workable tagging system or non-selective harvest strategy emerged, a gradual liberalization of doe harvest opportunity is recommended.

Issue: Use of Dogs

11. The Task Force recommends keeping the current number of dog hunting days but requests the Department investigate the preference of moving the season forward to include the Thanksgiving holidays.
12. The Department should quantify hunter preference for either dog hunting or still hunting.

13. The Task Force asks the Department to investigate and define problem areas in the State that may be suffering negative biological impacts from dog hunting.
14. The Task Force recommends that the Department expand off season training restrictions.
15. The Task Force recommends the Department permit the use of leashed tracking dogs.

Issue: Intensive Deer Management Program

16. The Task Force acknowledges two inequities in the program:
 - Participation requires control of at least 500 acres which generally coincides with a deer's minimum home range and the need to efficiently allocate Department resources; the Task Force supports the need for practical implementation.
 - Second, participants may enjoy more liberal either-sex harvest opportunities in both days and number. Customized management of "private" deer herds is the central objective of the IDMP and also what principally separates "private" and public deer management alternatives.
17. The Task Force strongly feels that the Department should make full use of biological statistics generated from the program.
18. The Department should capitalize on the educational value of well managed deer herds and use them as models that can be repeated throughout the state.
19. The Department should investigate the merits of imposing a reasonable fee schedule to offset the program's direct costs.
20. The Task Force strongly endorses the IDMP in its present form and recommends resource allocation consistent with the demand trends and potential benefits to the resource and its users.

Issue: Deer Management Information

21. The Task Force concedes the complicated challenge facing the Department in its obligation to manage Louisiana's deer herd. Certain information is prudent if the Department is to maintain and react to the herds' needs. Examples are:

Biology

- Habitat and decline trends by area.
- Habitat related management parameters.
- Inventory estimates and stability of deer herds.
- Occurrences and causes of herd declines.
- Relative health indices.
- Harvest information.
- etc.

Social

- User number, needs, preferences, profiles.
- Economic impact of the state's deer herd.

22. Information voids, particularly social, should be addressed, and the Department should actively communicate pertinent information to the public as warranted.

Issue: Wildlife Management Areas

(Incomplete)

Issue: Animal Damage Control

(Incomplete)



~~J. BURTON ANGELE, SR.~~
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~~EDWARD W. EDWARDS~~
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any items for
the agenda? Let
me know!

Johnnie

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Secretary and Division Chiefs
FROM: Virginia Van Sickle VVS
RE: Commission Meeting Agenda - February 16-17, 1989

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to me by Friday, February 3rd any agenda items your division may have for the meeting in Bossier City at the Sheraton Bossier Inn February 16-17 1989. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo to me and indicate this on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

I will also need to know you will want a room at the Sheraton. A rooming list has to be sent in to the hotel as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation!

VVS/pc

cc: Don Puckett
Kell McInnis
Bettsie Baker

no items for agenda.
Johnnie does need a room please.

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Mr. Chuck Nash, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Nash:

I think it would be an excellent idea to have a joint meeting of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to discuss mutual concerns that our states have regarding the management and protection of wildlife resources.

We have a Commission Meeting on January 12-13, 1989. At that time I will discuss this with the Commissioners and then contact you concerning a convenient time and place for the meeting.

I appreciate your interest in a co-operative effort between our departments and look forward to meeting and working with you as soon as possible.

My personal wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season and a successful 1989.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Hines, M. D.
Chairman

DEH:dcw



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Honorable Don Hines, Chairman
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Dear Dr. Hines:

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Chuck Nash
Chairman

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VVS/pc

cc: Don Puckett
Kell McInnis
~~Bettsie Baker~~

- ① Budget Review
② proposed new license : carrier + license stamp.

I will need a room at the Sheraton
Thanks,
Bettsie

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Bettsie Baker

Dear Paula:

I have ~~nothing~~ no agenda item at this time. ~~I~~ I will need a room reservation, however, since I will attend the meeting and hearing. I think I will

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*No room needed
No items to discuss unless
we plan to present legislative
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*Nothing this time & no room
for Bob Dennis -*

*Feb. 15 } room for Bob Sheldon
" 16 }*



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February 8, 1989

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES SURVEY SECTION 03 - 04 ACTIVITY REPORT

From January 1 thru January 31

During this period field activity consisted of:

35 Surveys that were scheduled.
10 Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather
or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

9 Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
2 Applications for new area.
14 15-year limitations.
0 Restake applications.

Total field activity:

<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	
<u>119</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>35</u>	- Surveys scheduled.
<u>48</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>25</u>	- Surveys performed.
<u>71</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>10</u>	- Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	- Survey where fishermen refused to survey.
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	- Disputes settled.
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	- No shows.
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	- Applications cancelled by request.

Office activity during this period:

232,378 - Lease rental collected.
19,171.10 - Survey fees collected.
136 - Applications filed.
8 - New leases issued.
3 - Surveys - Private Surveyor





SALES BOOKING FORM

HOTEL: SHERATON BOSSIER INN DATE: 12-23-88
DEFINITE: XXX TENTATIVE: _____ REVISION: _____ CANCEL: _____
SALES PERSON: CHRISTINA OLSSON FILE: _____
ORGANIZATION: LA. WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
CONTACT: PAULA CALLAIS TITLE: _____
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 98000
CITY: BATON ROUGE STATE: LA. ZIP: 70802 PHONE: 504-765-2803
YEAR OF: 1989 GUEST ROOMS: Yes (X) No ()

Night Of:	FEB.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs. 16	Fri. 17	Sat.
Number of: Singles						15	c/o	
Number of Doubles								
Number of Deluxe Suites								
Number of Rooms 3 to a Room								
Number of Rooms 4 to a Room								
Number of Conference Parlors								
Total Number of Rooms Per Night								

RATES: \$ 35.00 Single \$ 40.00 Double \$ _____ Delux Suite
\$ _____ Rm. for 3 \$ _____ Rm. for 4 \$ _____ Conf. Parlor

Reservations to be made by - () Individuals (X) Rooming List

Guaranteed () Not Guaranteed () Cut Off Date: FEB. 2, 1989
(Last date Resv. Accepted) (Last date Resv. Accepted)

Persons Authorized to Sign Master Acct. Paula B. Callais

PROGRAM

Day & Date	Time	Type of Function	Attendance	Room	Setup	Rental Charge
THURS. FEB. 16	1:00PM	MEETING	50	OAK I		\$100.00
" " "	7:00PM	"	100	OAKLAWN		N/C
FRI. FEB. 17	10:00AM	"	50	OAK I		\$50.00

SHERATON BOSSIER INN

Function Sheet

DATE THUR. FEB. 16, 1989 TIME: 1:00PM-5:00PMORGANIZATION LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIESCONTACT PAULA CALLAIS PHONE # 504-765-2803ADDRESS P.O. BOX 98000BATON ROUGE, LA. 70802FUNCTION MEETING ROOM OAK ISET FOR 50 GUARANTEE RENTAL \$ 100.00PRICE PER COVER \$ DEPOSIT \$

TIME

MENU

ARRANGEMENTS

U-Shape



1:00PM

ACCESS FOR AUDIO PPL TO SET UP
*head table for 7 ppl

T-Shape



2:00PM

MEETING BEGINS

Conference



5:00PM

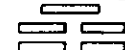
MEETING ENDS

Auditorium 100

5:00PM--
7:00PM

RESET ROOM (OAKLAWN) 100 PPL THEATER STYLE

Classroom


☒ Ice Water, glasses,
ashtrays

☐ Pads & pencils

☐ Head table No. 7

☐ Registration table

☐ P.A. System

☐ Blackboard, chalk,
eraser,

☐ Lecturn

☐ Risers

☐ Easel

☐ Projector

☐ Screen

☐ Bar

☐ Bartender

☐ Piano

BEVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

METHOD OF PAYMENT

ON DEPARTURE

BOOKED BY CHRISTINA OLSSON

CLIENT SIGNATURE

Paula B. Callais

DATE

1-5-89

CLIENT

SHERATON BOSSIER INN
Function Sheet

DATE FRI. FEB. 17, 1989 TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

ORGANIZATION LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

CONTACT PAULA CALLAIS PHONE # 504-765-2803

ADDRESS P.O. BOX 98000

DATON ROUGE, LA. 70802

FUNCTION MEETING ROOM OAK I

SET FOR 50 GUARANTEE RENTAL \$ 50.00

PRICE PER COVER \$ DEPOSIT \$

TIME

MENU

ARRANGEMENTS

U-Shape



T-Shape



Conference



Auditorium 50



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10:00AM

MEETING BEGINS
*head table for 7 ppl

12:00PM

MEETING ENDS

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Function Sheet

DATE THUR. FEB. 16, 1989TIME: 7:00PM-10:00PMORGANIZATION LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIESCONTACT PAULA CALLAISPHONE # 504-765-2803ADDRESS P.O. BOX 98000BATON ROUGE, LA. 70802FUNCTION MEETINGROOM OAKLAWNSET FOR 100

GUARANTEE

RENTAL \$ N/C

PRICE PER COVER \$

DEPOSIT \$

TIME

MENU

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T-Shape



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7:00PM

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Sheraton Bossier Inn
The hospitality people of **ITT**

2015 OLD MINDEN ROAD
BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111
PHONE (318) 742-9700

December 23, 1988

La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Ms. Paula Callais
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Ms. Callais:

We are delighted that you have chosen the Sheraton Bossier Inn to host your upcoming events.

Enclosed are the function sheets outlining the arrangements as we understand them. Please review carefully, make any corrections, additions, or deletions, sign and date them at the bottom of each set, and return as soon as possible. We cannot distribute these function sheets to our staff for execution until a signed copy is received.

A guaranteed number of people is required 48 hours prior to the event. This guarantee is the minimum for which you will be charged.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. We look forward to helping you make this event a total success.

Sincerely,

Christina Olsson
Banquet Sales Manager

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Enclosures

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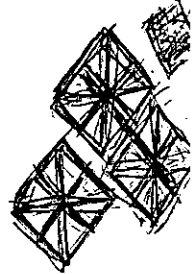
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Case Report
Admin Act-to Destroy Nets
JAN 17 1989



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625,890 - 146,489
479

State of Louisiana



WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DON HINES

MEMBER

POST OFFICE BOX 130

BUNKIE, LOUISIANA 71322

318/346-7283

December 20, 1988

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Mr. Chuck Nash, Chairman
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Dear Mr. Nash:

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We have a Commission Meeting on January 12-13, 1989. At that time I will discuss this with the Commissioners and then contact you concerning a convenient time and place for the meeting.

I appreciate your interest in a co-operative effort between our departments and look forward to meeting and working with you as soon as possible.

My personal wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season and a successful 1989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Hines".

Donald E. Hines, M. D.
Chairman

DEH:dcw



**TEXAS
PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

4200 Smith School Road Austin, Texas 78711

CHARLES H. HINES
Executive Director

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Vice-Chairman
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Amarillo

BEATRICE CARR PICKENS
Amarillo

A R. (TONY) SANCHEZ, JR.
Laredo

December 14, 1988

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REVIEW OF THE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT MEASURES
DISCUSSED AT THE DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

1. Turkey license \$150 - \$170 K
2. User fees for Department's WMA's, Refuges and Type II program
3. Duck stamp change
4. Tax check-off
5. Rockefeller statute
6. Muzzel-loader season \$100 K
7. Intensive Deer Management Program
8. Alligator Tags \$150 to \$200 K needed

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

- 2 -
1. Registration of Outboard Motors
 2. Casual sales tax on boats
 3. Fuel excise tax ~~\$22 million~~
 4. Inspection fee on homemade boats

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

1. Severance tax on Seafood
2. Oyster tag fee
3. Bottle tax

ADDITIONAL:

SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING:

- 1% tax on outdoor hunting equipment - South Carolina / Colorado
- 1% tax on boats, trailers, ATV's, etc. -

Mr. Collins, commercial seafood dealer,
also wished to testify.

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THU 2/16/89
740

Paula C.

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

CASE REPORT

JANUARY' 89

JANUARY '89 CASE REPORT

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-47

ENFORCEMENT-47

OTHER - 0

- 10-Boating
- 8-Angling Without A License
- 3-Fish Without Resident Pole License
- 1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 7-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 4-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
- 1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 1-Possessing F.B.A. Without License
- 1-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally
- 2-Hunting Ducks Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
- 7-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 1-Possession Over The Two-Day Limit Of MGB

CONFISCATIONS:

2 channel catfish.

REGION 2

TOTAL -69

ENFORCEMENT-69

OTHER -0

13-Boating

8-Angling Without A License

5-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

9-Hunting W/O Resident License

3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

5-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear,
Turkey)

3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

2-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

5-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S

2-Possession of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear (O/S Or C/S)

1-Possession Of Untagged Deer Or Bear

1-Field Possession Of Deer Meat Without Tag

1-Hunt MGB Illegal Hours

1-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On) ...

1-Littering

6-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Lacy Act

REGION 2 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

1 oz. marijuana and paraphernalia, 1 deer shoulder, 1 deer ham, 4 duck breasts,
2 antlerless deer, 2 guns and 1 red fox squirrel.

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-109

ENFORCEMENT- 91

OTHER - 18

10-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

11-Hunt W/O Resident License

9-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

12-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear
Turkey)

3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License

8-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S

3-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange

1-Hunt Alligators At Night With Firearm

1-Buy Or Sell F.B.A. Without Buyers License (Resident)

1-Sell Non-Game Quadrupeds Meat Closed Season

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

- 3-Hunting With Unsigned Duck
- 1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 5-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 3-Possess Untagged MGB
- 2-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On)
- 2-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season
- 6-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 4-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
- 1-Taking Robins-No Season
- 2-Interfering With An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

NONE

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-101

ENFORCEMENT- 76

OTHER -25

- 3-Boating
- 6-Angling W/O A License
- 4-Fish Without Resident Pole License
- 3-Not Abiding By Commission Rules & Regulations
- 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License
- 2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 3-Use Illegal Nets
- 3-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

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REGION 4 CONT'D.

- 13-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
- 1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road
- 1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 2-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
- 3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S
- 4-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear (O/S Or C/S)
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- 1-Fail To Maintain Sex Identification
- 1-Fail To Maintain Sex I.D. Or Tag Meat
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- 3-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 4-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 1-Transport Migratory Birds Illegally
- 6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
- 1-Littering
- 3-Hunting Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

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REGION 4 CONT'D.

3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

CONFISCATIONS:

12 Whole deer, 9 hams, 5 shoulders, 1 neck, 1 tenderloin, 3/4 part of deer, 4 coons, 1 squirrel, 1 rabbit, 1 bobcat, 2 lights, 2 guns, 200 yards 2 inch gill net, 1000 lbs. spoonbill.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES -162

ENFORCEMENT-148

OTHER - 14

14-Boating

8-Angling W/O A License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial fish Without A Vessel License

1-Leave Nets Unattended

15-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

21-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

17-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear or Turkey)

13-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season

4-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 1-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S
- 9-Hunting Ducks Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
- 2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 7-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle
- 5-Possess Untagged MGB
- 13-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On)
- 6-Possession Over The Two-Day Limit Of MGB
- 4-Hunting Doves Closed Season
- 3-Possess Over Limit Of Geese (Field Possession)
- 4-Hunting Ducks Closed Season
- 1-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
- 2-Taking Ibis-No Season
- 2-Resisting Arrest
- 1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

148 ducks, 43 geese, 2 ibis, 18 rabbits, 4 doves, 1 deer.

REGION 6

<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	<u>-315</u>
<u>ENFORCEMENT</u>	<u>-250</u>
<u>OTHER</u>	<u>- 65</u>

- 63-Boating
- 23-Angling W/O A License
- 11-Fish Without Resident Pole License
- 2-Angling W/O Saltwater License (Resident Or Non-Resident)
- 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 6-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

REGION 6 CONT'D.

- 9-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 8-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
- 1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident Or Non-Resident)
- 1-Fail To Comply W/Permit Reg
- 4-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 19-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
- 4-Taking Oysters Illegal Hours
- 21-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 5-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 1-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
- 12-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 8-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 1-Possession Over Limit Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds (Excluding Big Game)
- 14-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear, Turkey)
- 12-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
- 5-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road
- 2-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
- 3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 3-Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting (Except .22 Pistol With Rat Shot)
- 3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 8-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S
- 2-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear (O/S Or C/S)

REGION 6 CONT'D.

- 3-Field Possession Of Deer Meat Without Tag
- 4-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 8-Hunting Ducks Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
- 1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 8-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 4-Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
- 2-Possess Untagged MGB
- 1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 1-Transport MGB Illegally
- 6-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
- 6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
- 1-Resisting Arrest
- 2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
- 1-Littering
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 2-Criminal Mischief
- 1-Possession Of Firearm By Convicted Felon
- 4-Aiding And Abetting
- 1-Possession Of Canvasback
- 3-Take Or Hunt Deer Or Bear With Illegal Weapon

CONFISCATIONS:

1 raccoon, 7 deer, 48 ducks, 8 rabbits, 4 fish, 20 coots, 13 rifles and shotguns, 2 lights and batteries, assorted ammunition.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES -113

ENFORCEMENT - 89

OTHER -24

7-Boating

13-Angling Without A License

3-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident
Or Non-Resident)

1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

13-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunting W. Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

16-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear
Turkey)

10-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

4-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

4-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

3-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S

3-Possession Of Untagged Deer Or Bear

6-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange

1-Possess Untagged MGB

2-Taking Robins-No Season

13-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Criminal Trespass

2-Littering

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Trespass On Property After Hours Forbidden

1-Violation Of Probation Or License Revocation

CONFISCATIONS:

1 button buck deer, 1 rabbit, 2 wood ducks, 1300 lbs. red fish and 5 guns.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES - 454

ENFORCEMENT -425

OTHER - 29

61-Boating

41-Angling W/O A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

32-Angling W/O Saltwater License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

5-Possess O/L Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum

15-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout

12-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

22-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

23-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

32-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

10-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident Or
Non-Resident)

3-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Transport W/O Required License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

6-Use Illegal Nets

7-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 5-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 1-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact
- 1-Trawling In Closed Season
- 1-Trawl In Restricted Areas
- 1-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets Or Seines
- 3-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 8-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
- 3-Taking More Than Two Sacks Daily (Recreational)
- 17-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
- 2-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
- 2-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 11-Take Oysters Illegal Hours
- 1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
- 3-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 1-Possessing F.B.A Without License
- 2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
- 17-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 5-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 3-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 16-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear, Turkey)
- 3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway-Right-Of-Way
- 2-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer O/S
- 3-Hunting Ducks Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
- 1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 1-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On)
- 1-Possession Over the Two Day Limit OF MGB
- 1-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season
- 1-Wanton Waste Of MGB
- 3-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated For Steel Shot Only
- 3-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
- 1-Resisting Arrest
- 1-Simple Assault Of An Officer
- 1-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Interfering With An Officer
- 1-Littering
- 7-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 7-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 1-Possess/Take Over Limit Federal Controlled Fish
- 17-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 4-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations
- 1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fisherman

CONFISCATION:

2 deer, 6 rabbits, 17 teal, 7 coots, 4 pintail, 3 mallards, 12 guns, 30 gill nets, 3 oyster dredges, 2 butterfly nets, 6 boats, 4 motors, 8 crab traps, 2 commercial license, 6 cobia, 2 red snapper (undersize), 234 lbs. red snapper, 39 red fish, 7 wahoo, 80 speckled trout, 6 boxes crabs, 162 sacks of oysters.

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S.W.E.P.

DELTA TIDE: IN REPAIR

RIP TIDE

TOTAL HOURS: 85

TOTAL CASES: 10

3-Unattended Gill Nets

1-Untagged Gill Nets

2-Taking MGB In Closed Season

2-Wanton Waste MGB

2-Taking MGB Illegal Method

CONFISCATIONS:

26,000 feet unattended gill net.

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TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. 10

TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT 1195

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIVISIONS 175

GRAND TOTAL 1380

M I G R A T O R Y B I R D C A S E S

OVERALL DEPARTMENT HUNTER CHECK

TOTAL FROM NOVEMBER 19, 1988

THRU JANUARY 8, 1989

1988/89 MIGRATORY BIRD SURVEY REPORT

The three surveys to follow contain accumulations of statistics gathered by wildlife personnel during the 88/89 Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons.

These surveys are products of three separate Divisions. (Enforcement, Refuge and Game) and offer varying results because of the unique application of each's method of achievement.

Both Refuge and Game Divisions survey techniques involved the creation of check points within a given geographic area, (Refuge or Wildlife Management Area) and checking everyone making exits through these points. These type checks involves high volume but produces few violations because of several factors;

- 1) Hunters utilizing WMA's and Refuges tend to buy proper licenses and stamps.
- 2) Knowing area wardens are on patrol tends to provide less opportunity to violate.
- 3) Realizing one must check through a check point provides a great deterrent to potential violators.

Because of these factors the combined, (Refuge and Game)) checks offer only 5% violation percentage.

The Enforcement survey by contrast shows a 17% violation percentage because of several factors with a statewide average of 12% violations;

- 1) Enforcement Agents tend to isolate high probability areas by identifying bait or large concentration of birds.
- 2) Informants supply complaints which can lead the officer directly to violations.
- 3) Enforcement Officers usually work remote areas where potential violators feel relaxed and often take chances.
- 4) Most of the officers time is spent in traditionally productive areas where violations have been known to occur previously.

MIGRATORY CASES DUCK SEASON'88-89

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-44

HUNTERS CHECKED-512

- 14-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 4-Taking Over Limit Of MGB
- 1-Hunting MGB C/S
- 9-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
- 7-Hunting MGB W/O Federal Stamp
- 5-Hunting MGB W/Unplugged Gun
- 3-Hunting MGB W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/ Unsigned Federal Stamp

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-34

HUNTERS CHECKED-541

- 18-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 5-Hunting MGB C/S
- 5-Possession Overlimit MGB
- 3-Hunt Or Take Overlimit MGB
- 1-Attempt To Take Overlimit MGB
- 1-Possession Untagged MGB
- 1-Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-63

HUNTERS CHECKED-544

- 9-Overlimit Of Ducks
- 7-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 3-Possession Untagged MGB

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

9-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
3-Possession Freshly Killed Duck C/S
3-Possession Freshly Killed CanvasBack
2-Field Possession Freshly Dressed MGB
3-Hunting Unplugged Gun
4-Failure To Sign Duck Stamp
10-Hunting W/O Federal Stamp
6-Hunting W/O License
2-Interfering W/ An Officer
1-Hunting Duck W/ Non-Resident License
1-Unprotected Species

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-103

HUNTERS CHECKED-1038

7-Hunting MGB W/O Federal Stamp
8-Hunting MGB With Unsigned Duck Stamp
8-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
47-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
7-Taking Overlimit Of Ducks
1-Hunting Woodcock C/S
1-Attempted To Take Overlimit Of Duck
23-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
1-Hunting Ducks C/S
1-Taking Grebe-No Season

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-151

HUNTERS CHECKED-579

- 11-Possession Overlimit Of Ducks
- 19-Hunting Ducks W/O Migratory Stamp
- 25-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
 - 5-Hunting MGB W/Unplugged Gun
 - 9-Hunting MGB W/O Resident License
- 23-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 10-Taking Overlimit Of Ducks
 - 2-Hunting MGB From Moving Boat
 - 5-Taking Geese C/S
- 12-Possession Untagged MGB
 - 1-Aiding And Abetting To Taking Geese C/S
 - 2-Hunting Ducks Closed Area (Refuge)
 - 1-Wanton Waste Of MGB
 - 1-Possession Overlimit Of Geese
 - 2-Hunting MGB With Live Decoys
 - 4-Hunting MGB With Electronic Call
 - 8-Field Possession Of Fully Dressed Birds
 - 2-Taking Canvasback C/S

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-201

HUNTERS CHECKED-1393

- 8-Hunting Ducks W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting Ducks W/O Non-Resident License
- 24-Hunting Ducks W/O A Federal Stamp
 - 2-Hunting Ducks W/ Unsigned Federal Stamp

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REGION 6 CONT'D.

2-Hunting Ducks C/S
1-Taking Ducks C/S
1-Possession of Ducks C/S
10-Taking Overlimit Of Ducks
26-Possession Overlimit Of Ducks
6-Hunting Ducks W/Unplugged Gun
100-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1-Hunting Coots Illegal Hours
2-Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
2-Hunting MGB With Live Decoys
3-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On)
2-Possession Of Untagged MGB
1-Transporting Illegally Taken Ducks
1-Possession Canvasback/No Season
13-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
2-Wanton Waste Of MGB
4-Aiding And Abetting

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-58

HUNTERS CHECKED-651

4-Hunting W/O Resident License
6-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
30-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
7-Possess Overlimit Of Ducks
1-Taking Grebe-No Season
5-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds No Season

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

- 1-Wanton Waste
- 1-Protected Species
- 3-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-145

HUNTERS CHECKED-676

- 2-Hunting MGB C/S
- 42-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 21-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
- 13-Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Duck Stamp
- 25-Possession Overlimit Of Ducks Or Coots
- 6-Hunting MGB W/Unplugged Gun
- 7-Hunting MGB W/O License
- 2-Hunting MGB Overbaited Field
- 1- Field Possession Of Fully Dressed MGB
- 7-Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
- 5-Possession Of Untagged MGB
- 1-Taking Non-Game Migratory Birds
- 6-Hunt Ducks W/O A License
- 1-Possession Non-Game Birds
- 6-Overlimit Of MGB

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TOTAL CASES FOR SEASON: 816

TOTAL HUNTERS CHECKED FOR SEASON: 6264

13% Of Hunters Checked Were In Violation

GRAND TOTAL EACH VIOLATION

273-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
58-Taking Overlimit Of MGB
8-Hunting MGB C/S
102-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Zone
94-Hunt MGB W/O Federal Stamp
33-Hunt MGB W/Unplugged Gun
48-Hunt MGB W/O Resident License
71-Possession Overlimit Of MGB
2-Attempt TO Take Overlimit Of MGB
21-Possession Of Untagged MGB
3-Possession Freshly Killed Duck C/S
1-Hunt Woodcock C/S
4-Possession Freshly Killed Canvasback
14-Field Possession Freshly Dressed MGB
16-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp
2-Interfering With An Officer
7-Hunting Duck W/O Non-Resident License
3-Hunt Ducks C/S
2-Taking Grebe-No Season
11-Hunt MGB From Moving Motorboat
5-Taking Geese C/S
5-Aiding And Abetting To Taking Geese C/S
2-Hunting Ducks Closed Area (Refuge)

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GRAND TOTAL CONT'D.

2-Wanton Waste Of MGB

1-Possession Overlimit Of Geese

4-Hunt MGB With Live Decoys

2-Taking Canvasback Closed Season

1-Taking Ducks In Closed Season

1-Possession Of Ducks In Closed Season

1-Hunting Coots Illegal Hours

1-Transporting Ducks Taken Illegally

7-Taking Or Possessing Of Other Non-Game Birds No-Season

2-Hunting MGB Overbaited Field

4-Hunting MGB With Electronic Call

5-Other